

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Specialist James Roland Burnett, Jr., was a soldier in the United States Army, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, while serving his country, Specialist Burnett was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2011, Specialist Burnett, age 21, died of wounds he sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Burnett's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat and Special Skill Badge, Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Bar, Weapon: Rifle (Inscription: Rifle), Expert), and the Overseas Service Bar.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

SPECIALIST JAMES ROLAND BURNETT, JR.

and for his bravery and service to the United States of America, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide for one full day on November 26, 2011, and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the county of Wayne, Missouri, from November 27, 2011, to December 2, 2011, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 23rd day of November, 2011.



Jeremiah W (Jay) Nixon

Governor

Secretary of State